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SUBJECT: EEC INDUSTRY VIEW ON ENLARGEMENT OF
THE COMMUNITY

1. THE UNION OF INDUSTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY (UNICE), AN INFLUENTIAL LOBBYING
GROUP WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES
OF NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE
MEMBER STATES, RECENTLY ISSUED A STATEMENT
CONCERNING EC ENLARGEMENT TO INCLUDE SPAIN,
PORTUGAL AND GREECE.

2. UNICE WOULD NOT FAVOR ENLARGEMENT IF IT
MEANT WEAKENING OF THE COMMUNITY OR ITS
GOALS. IT BELIEVES CANDIDATE COUNTRIES MUST
ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE TREATIES,
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ESPEC IALLY FOR COMPLETE TRADE RECIPROCITY;
FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS, CAPITAL, SERVICES,
AND LABOR; AND FAIR COMPETITION.

3. IN UNICE.S VIEW ENLARGEMENT POSES SERIOUS
DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE THE LEVEL OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT OF THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES IS

BELOW THE EC AVERAGE AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM MOST COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. BUT THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT THE BURDEN SHOULD BE ON THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES TO BEGIN THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS NOW BY PURSUING POLICIES WHICH WILL BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES.

4. SPECIFICALLY, THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES SHOULD DROP PROTECTIONIST POLICIES ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT, SUCH AS CUSTOMS SURCHARGES, IMPORT QUOTAS, IMPORT DEPOSITS, LICENSE PROCESSING AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES. THEY SHOULD ALSO, DURING THEIR ADJUSTMENT PERIOD, BE ASSOCIATED WITH EFFORTS AT INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING IN THE EC AND TAKE SUITABLE MEASURES, INCLUDING ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRIVATE INDUSTRIES, TO ENSURE STABLE AND FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR INVESTMENT.

5. IN RETURN, THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES SHOULD RECEIVE THE TRADE RIGHT ARISING FROM MEMBERSHIP, FREEDOM FROM SAFEGUARD ACTION BY THE NINE, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. UNICE MAINTAINS, HOWEVER, THAT FOR AN ADJUSTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERIO, THERE SHOULD BE SOME SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS FOR THE NINE BECAUSE OF SECTORAL DIFFERENCES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES; DEVELOPMENT AID SHOULD BE CONDITIONED ON A WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE POLICIES IN ACCORD WITH COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES; AND FREE MOVEMENT OF LABOR WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

6. UNICE SAYS THE DATE FOR DEFINITIVE ACCESSION BY THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES SHOULD DEPEND ON THE DEGREE OF ADJUSTMENT MADE, SO THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARILY BE THE SAME FOR ALL THREE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES.

7. COPY OF UNICE STATEMENT BEING POUCHED TO EUR/RPE LA MANTIA. HINTON

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